

REMARKS

Claims 3-8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 1-2 and 4-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by THOMSON multimedia (EP 0 963 115 A1). Claims 1-11 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3 has been so amended, and request removal this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites a transmission system for transmitting a multiplex signal from a transmitter to a receiver via a transmission channel, in which the multiplex signal has a plurality of information sections comprising information about the multiplex signal, and in which the transmission system is provided with a return channel from the receiver to the transmitter wherein the receiver has

section selection means for submitting a criterion for filtering information sections to the transmitter via the return channel and in that the transmitter has section filtering means for filtering information sections according to the submitted criterion and networking means for transmitting the information sections that satisfy the criterion. Independent claims 4, 9 and 11 recites similar limitations.

Thomson fails to teach show or imply at least the limitations of the receiver has section selection means for submitting a criterion for filtering information sections to the transmitter via the return channel and in that the transmitter has section filtering means for filtering information sections according to the submitted criterion and networking means for transmitting the information sections that satisfy the criterion, as recited in amended independent claim 1.

The Office Action indicates that these limitations are disclosed in THOMSON in the abstract; figure 1; and paragraphs 0024-0025, 0033-0036. Applicants respectfully disagree. In these sections, THOMSON discloses that the transmitter (Broadcaster) transmits digital data with an attached filter. Then the receiver (interactive terminal)

applies the script of the filter to the criteria in the filter and viewer profile to enable an interactive connection. Thus, THOMSON, in contrast to the present invention, does not disclose or imply, that the transmitter uses a section filtering means to filter information sections according to the submitted criterion and networking means and then transmit the (filtered) information sections that satisfy the criterion to a receiver, as recited in amended claim 1.

For at least the above cited reasons, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 4, 9 and 11 are patentable over Action indicates that these limitations are disclosed in THOMSON.

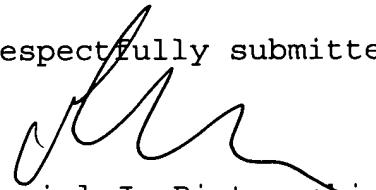
The other claims in this application are dependent upon the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable once the independent claims are allowed.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 102. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable

reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted


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